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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7797

BILL NUMBER: HB 1909

DATE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Regional Law Enforcement Training Fee and Funds.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a Regional Law Enforcement Training Fee and Regional Law Enforcement Training Fund for each region served by a Regional Law Enforcement Training Council formed before January 1, 2001. It establishes a \$2 fee to be collected in cases in which a person commits a crime or an infraction or violates an ordinance. It provides for the fee to be distributed to the council serving the region. It requires councils to use Regional Law Enforcement Training funds solely for training of law enforcement officers who work for an agency or department that is wholly or predominantly within the geographic region of the councils.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board (the Board) would not experience an increase in administrative costs due to the provisions of this bill.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Counties, cities, and towns would experience an indeterminable increase in court fee revenues deposited into their user fee funds via local court systems. Revenues would be transferred to already established regional enforcement training councils (established before January 1, 2001) in order to defray the cost of training law enforcement officers.

The specific effects of this bill would vary between regional enforcement training councils, and would depend upon the number of individuals within the boundaries of each council that either commits a felony or misdemeanor, or violates an infraction or ordinance. (Each \$2 fee would be first collected by the court clerk, transferred to either the county auditor or local fiscal officer for deposit into the User Fee Fund, and

then transferred to the Regional Law Enforcement Training Fund established under this bill.)

Background- There are currently seven regional law enforcement training councils in Indiana. (However, only six of the seven have been officially recognized by the Board.) In order to become recognized, a council must fulfill the following criteria: 1) become incorporated; 2) become a non-profit organization; 3) establish a board of directors; 4) utilize instructors certified by the Board; 5) elect a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary; and 6) demonstrate a membership that accurately reflects the number of law enforcement agencies within council boundaries.

Currently, each of the six officially recognized regional law enforcement training councils serve anywhere from 400 to 1,500 law enforcement officers within each set of council boundaries. The seven regions that currently exist in Indiana are as follows: 1) North; 2) North East; 3) North Central; 4) Central; 5) South East (not recognized by the Board); 6) South Central; and 7) South West.

Contact information for each council is available in Legislative Services Agency, Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis.

State Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Training Board.

Local Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Agencies.

Information Sources: Captain Hollowell, Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy, (317) 839-5191.